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DEPTEL 209 - SUPERSONICS

1. BECAUSE WE WERE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO TAKE NO INITIATIVE WITH EITHER BRITISH OR GOJ ON PACKAGE PROPOSAL (DEPTEL 184), WE CONSCIEOUSLY REFRAINED FROM ASKING QUESTIONS WHICH WOULD HAVE IMPLIED OUR KNOWLEDGE AND BRITISH IN REASONABLY FRANK REPORTS MADE NO RPT NO MENTION OF HAWK ALTERNATIVE. BAC TEAM HAS LONG SINCE DEPARTED AND ALL PARTIES BECOMING RETICENT TO DISCUSS DETAILS IN OBVIOUS REALIZATION THIS BE-

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COMING TIGHT BRITISH-FRENCH COMMERCIAL TUG OF WAR.

2. OUR OWN IMPRESSION HAS INCREASINGLY BEEN THAT HAWKS NEVER DISCUSSED PROBABLY BECAUSE OF KHAMMASH INSISTANCE ON 36 PLANES (EMBTEL 256) WHEREAS HAWKS ONLY AROSE UNDER BRITISH SECOND AND THIRD ALTERNATES OF 12 PLANES. OUR BEST INFO ON FINAL OFFERS CONTAINED PARA 5 EMBTEL 256, BOTHER OFFERS UNDERSTOOD TO INCLUDE 144 MISSILES AND TWO YEAR SPARES. KHAMMASH HAS RECENTLY ONLY BEEN WILLING TO ADD THAT UK PRICE REMAINS "CONDITIONAL" AND THAT HE EXPECTS IMPROVE TERMS BOTH OFFERS ON VISIT PARIS-LONDON.

3. BECAUSE OF SUPICION HAWK OFFER NEVER MADE, DATT AND I MADE CAREFUL PRESENTATION ALONG LINES DEPTEL 206 TO KHAMMASH MORNING NOVEMBER 10 JUST PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE PARIS. RE HAWKS KHAMMASH SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED THIS IN WASHINGTON LAST APRIL AND THEY WERE COMPLETELY OUT BECAUSE NOT RPT NOT ACCEPTABLE TO UAC FOR FINANCING. HE HAS TO HAVE 36 AIRCRAFT AND WOULD

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ONLY BE INTERESTED IN HAWKS AS GIFT IN ADDITION TO SUPER-
SONICS. HE ADMITTED THERE WAS DISTINCTION BETWEEN LEBANON AND
JORDAN SINCE UAC HAD ADMITTED FROM BEGINNING LEBANON COULD
ACQUIRE PLANES OR MISSILES WHEREAS JORDAN REQUIREMENT HAD

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ALWAYS BEEN FOR PLANES.

4. RE ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR BRITISH SUPERSONICS, KHAMMASH
SAID HE HAD ALWAYS ASSUMED WE FELT THIS WAY AND HAD SO INFORMED
KING. FURTHER ARGUMENT TO HIM WAS THAT IT OBVIOUSLY EASIER
FOR US TO SUBSIDIZE DEAL WITH UK THAN WITH FRANCE. COMMENTED
I KNEW OF NO RPT NO USG INTENTION FINANCE ANY SUPERSONIC DEAL,
TO WHICH KHAMMASH REPLIED THERE COULD OBVIOUSLY BE NO DEAL
WITHOUT US SUPPORT.

5. KHAMMASH REITERATED HIS DESIRE VISIT WASHINGTON AFTER
LONDON AND PARIS TALKS AND WE SUGGESTED BETTER PLAN WOULD BE
RETURN AMMAN TO TALK TO US (DEPTEL 203). HE WAS DISAPPOINTED
AND SAID MUCH AS HE TRUSTED EMBASSY HE THOUGHT HE DESERVED RIGHTS
TO PRESENT RESULTS HIS NEGOTIATIONS DIRECTLY WASHINGTON. HOWEVER
DATT AND I BELIEVE HE WILL NOT PERSIST IN THIS. IF EMBASSY CAN
EQUALLY WELL MEET NEED FOR CONSULTATION, DESIRE INSTRUCTIONS ON
WHAT WE SAY WHEN ASKED FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT. IF THIS IS
POINT AT WHICH WE BREAK ON SUPERSONIC DEAL, DEPARTMENT MAY
WISH CONSIDER WHETHER IT WOULD NOT BE BETTER HAVE KHAMMASH
IN WASHIMITON FOR DIRECT TALKS WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS.

6. RE CONSULTATION WITH SAUDI ARABIA (EMBTEL 270),

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KHAMMASH SAID HE HAD SOUGHT PERMISSION FOR VISIT NOVEMBER 8
BUT PRINCE SULTAN HAD REPLIED VISIT IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL LATER.
SINCE HE PROCEEDING PARIS AND LONDON, COORDINATION WITH SAUDIS
IMPOSSIBLE.

GP-3. BARNES